

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : DOOLEY, J. et al.  
TITLE : METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR RETAINING  
A TUBE  
SERIAL NO. : Unknown  
FILING DATE : Herewith  
EXAMINER : Unknown  
ART UNIT : Unknown  
CONFIRMATION NO. : Unknown  
DOCKET NO. :

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

1. This Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) is filed in accordance with 36 C.F.R. §§§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The items listed on the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-referenced application and are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider these items and to enter them into the record of this application.
2. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this IDS shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made.
3. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this IDS shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited in this IDS is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

4. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this IDS is being filed:

- ( ) within 3 months of the filing date of a national application; or
- (X) within 3 months of the date of the entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.491 in an international application; or
- ( ) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- ( ) before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 .

5. The relevance with respect to EP 0521776 and DE 3810385 listed on Form PTO/SB/08A is submitted on the basis of the accompanying International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office. Copies of the non U.S. references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A are submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of this IDS to Deposit Account No. 02-2051, identifying our Docket No. 29793-1.

Respectfully Submitted,

By:

Gregory S. Kolocouris  
Reg. No. 47,714

BENESCH ERT

BENESCH, FRIEDRICH  
CORIAN & ARONO

## COPLAN & ARONU

2300 BP Tower  
2300 E 11th St

## 200 Public Squa

Cleveland, Ohio 44

(216) 363-4453

Attorney for Ap

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**Substitute for form 1449/PTO**

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

**(Use as many sheets as necessary)**

Sheet 1 of 2

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	DOOLEY, J. et al.
Art Unit	Unknown
Examiner Name	Unknown

Sheet 1 of 2

Attorney Docket Number 29793-1

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		GB2183402	06/03/1987	Pirelli General plc,		
		GB0400397	09/03/1932	Weatherhead, Albert Jr.		
		EP0521776	01/07/1999	Automobiles Peugeot		
		DE3810385	03/16/1989	Daimler-Benz AG		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

2

of

2

## Complete if Known

Application Number	10/482,365
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	DOOLEY, J. et al.
Art Unit	Unknown
Examiner Name	Unknown

Attorney Docket Number

29793-1

## NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
		International Search Report; European Patent Office; Authorized Officer Budtz-Olsen, A.; Issued May 11, 2005.	
		Search Report Under Section 17; The Patent Office (UK); Examiner Silvie, P.; Issued June 14, 2004.	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.